

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fanny A. Smith, La Have Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod, 50,000 lbs. cusk, 10,000 lbs. haddock, 80,000 lbs. hake.

Sch. Bessie M. Devine, Bay of Fundy, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Western Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod, 80,000 lbs. hake, 40,000 lbs. cusk.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, Bay of Fundy, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Amos Cutter, seining.

Sch. Minerva, seining.

Sch. Ralph L. Hodgdon, Swampscott, 100 bbls. whiting.

Sch. Northern Eagle, seining.

Today's Market.

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Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward, large \$2.00; medium, \$1.50; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.30; haddock, 85 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 50 cts.

Outside sales, salt bank cod, \$3.50 per hundred weight for large, \$3 for medium.

Ipswich Bay pollock, 45 cts. per cwt.

Rips cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large and \$3.40 for medium.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Swordfish, 6 cts. per lb.

Salt mackerel, Bay of Fundy, \$15.00 per bbl.; Georges, \$18.00; South Shoal lightship, \$19.28; Race Point, \$17.

Fresh mackerel, 12 cts. apiece.

Bay of Fundy (rimmed) salt mackerel, \$16.-62 1-2 per barrel.

Boston.

Sch. Emerald, 4500 fresh mackerel, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 1700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lafayette, 30 swordfish.

Sch. Livonia, 43 swordfish.

Sch. Little Fanny, 11 swordfish.

Sch. Caviare, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.

Haddock, \$3.50; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2.75; hake, \$1.50; swordfish, 8 cts.; mackerel, 18 cts.

Mackerel Notes.

The fare of sch. Olympia sold to Hall & Co. at \$16 per barrel.

Sch. Emerald, Capt. Albert Greenlaw, is at Boston today, from Boon Island, with 4500 fresh mackerel and sch. Marguerite with 1700 fresh mackerel.

Most of the fleet operating in the Bay of Fundy have gone across the bay and are now looking for mackerel off Yarmouth, N. S.

A Bar Harbor dispatch reports mackerel schooling off Matinicus and that sch. Dauntless had made a 130-barrel haul.

The fare of Bay of Fundy rimmed salt mackerel of sch. Bessie M. Devine sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at \$16.62 1-2 per barrel.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lawrence A. Munroe, William E. Morrissey, John L. Nicholson, Columbia, Parthia, Fannie Belle Atwood and S. P. Willard of this port and sch. Margaret of Beverly, were at Canso, N. S. on Thursday.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Catching Mackerel.

Some good mackerel catches are being made on the south-eastern coast of Cape Breton.

SCHOOLS OF HORSE MACKEREL

Good Catches Made at Provincetown and Truro.

Throngs of summer visitors at Provincetown have had an opportunity of viewing specimens of horse mackerel during the past few days, many of that handsome and agile species having been entrapped by weirs at Provincetown and Truro and landed at the former place for shipment to market. Twenty-one of the big creatures were hoisted from boats to the steamboat pier on one occasion this week, the transfer being effected just prior to the arrival of the steamer Cape Cod from Boston, thus permitting her big company of passengers to inspect the long ranks of great fish, weighing from 200 to 400 pounds.

On Thursday 14 of the species were brought to the fish dealers on the wharf. Every day during the past week numbers of these ravenous fish have been shipped in ice to city markets, or gone into the zero-temperatured freezing rooms of the three cold storage concerns at the tip of the cape to await a period of fish scarcity and a rise in price.

The horse mackerel captured recently have not been notable for their size, but that a vast school is in the bay is apparent by the continued catch.

Big Trips.

Schs. Fanny A. Smith, Capt. George A. Smith, and Pinta, Capt. Thomas Somers, are in this morning from La Have Bank, with two of the largest shack fares of the season, 190,000 and 160,000 pounds respectively.

Mackerel Notes.

The boats at Milk island had a large haul of mackerel Thursday night.

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GOOD FARES.

Several of Them in From Various Fishing Grounds.

This is a morning of fine trips. The number of arrivals is not large, but every craft has a fare which will bring good financial return.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, from Bay of Fundy has 280 barrels of salt mackerel and 40 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Sch. Illinois, Capt. John Lowrie has 129,000 of cod.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon, from LaHave Bank and only three weeks out has 25,000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 of cod and seven swordfish.

Sch. Lelia E. Norwood, Capt. Alfred Johnson, from Georges, brings 60,000 of fresh cod, 20,000 salt cod and 2000 halibut.

Sch. Emma and Helen, from Sable Island has 40,000 pounds of salt cod, and 30,000 pounds of fresh cod.

At Boston sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Charles H. Harty, has 275 barrels of fresh mackerel and 40 barrels of salt mackerel, and sch. Actor, Capt. Frank Nolan, is also there with 77 swordfish. Pretty good all around for one day.

Later in the forenoon, sch. Edward A. Perkins came in here with 40,000 pounds of fresh and salt cod and 6000 pounds of halibut, and sch. Florence E. Stream with 30,000 pounds of halibut.

WESTERN HALIBUT.

Still Being Shipped in Good Liberal Quantities.

The American Halibut Company had a car of Pacific halibut at Boston yesterday and one today, also two at New York. The New England Fish Company has three or four cars due tomorrow.

GOOD FARES OF MACKEREL

Schs. Priscilla and Mary E. Harty Have Them.

HAVE SALT AND FRESH.

Small Schools Reported from Matinicus to Yarmouth.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, arrived today with a splendid fare, 280 barrels of salt mackerel and 40 barrels of fresh mackerel. The most of the fare was taken in the Bay of Fundy, but the fresh fish were caught on eastern Jeffries, Capt. Corkum getting ice from sch. Florence E. Stream to keep his catch.

In speaking of the mackerel outlook to the eastward, Capt. Corkum said there were small schools of fish scattered from Matinicus to Yarmouth. About 30 sail of the fleet were off the latter place, working on small schools of from 10 to 40 barrels.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Charles H. Harty, of this port, arrived at Boston this morning with a fine fare, 275 barrels of fresh mackerel and 40 barrels of salt mackerel. The fresh fish sold for 15 cents apiece. The fare was taken 15 miles south east of Seguin, on the Maine coast. The Harty sailed from here only Saturday afternoon and has lost no time in securing this fine trip.

At Boston today are 45 barrels of fresh mackerel from Portland.

The fresh mackerel of sch. Priscilla Smith sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 12 cents each.

THE CODFISH SITUATION.

St. John's, N. F., Herald Discusses It in a General Way.

Regarding the salt cod catch and the price of this staple fish, the St. John's, N. F., Herald has this to say:

"The question of the price of fish this fall is now agitating the minds of coastfolk, and there is a fear growing that an attempt will be made to 'cut' it again this time as it was done last autumn. The News gives evidence of this today and apparently rejoices in publishing a local broker's circular predicting a drop. But it is hardly possible that our m.c. and the wire-pullers who manipulate it can be serious in hoping to stampee the fishermen again this fall. The lesson of last season's experience—when toilers sold their catch for \$1.80 a quintal, which afterwards fetched twice that figure—will not be lost on them now. If there was ever a season when fish should be high, it is this year—1903. The Norwegian catch was abnormally low and the total take in the Newfoundland area is also much below the average. The failure of the French is complete, the Gloucester and Lunenburg fleets are but partly fished, our own bankers have not big catches, and the shore and Labrador fares are not abnormal. There is a shortage in the world's visible supply of cod of nearly half a million quintals, and if such does not cause high prices, then our fishermen will never again obtain them."

There is a considerable amount of fact in this, but the Gloucester bankers, on the average, did better on their first trip than last year.

JIGGING SQUID.

Reported of Several American Bankers at Holyrood, N. F.

It Was Not So, However, But Lunenburg Bankers.

The St. John's, N. F., Herald of August 11 has this to say in regard to American bankers jigging squid in territorial waters:

"It is asserted that the crews of the American bankers now at Holyrood for bait, are jigging squid there themselves in defiance of the law and to the detriment of our people. If this is true the authorities should put a stop to the practice without delay. The American fishermen have no right to take bait in our waters; their license only gives them the privilege of buying it from our own coastfolk, and we should not allow any infringement of our paramountcy. No doubt the publication of this will induce the authorities to act promptly and prevent the continuance of a practice which may have serious results if persisted in."

Evidently the editor of the Herald got worked up over nothing, for apparently there was nothing in the story, as witness the following item which the Herald printed next day:

"A young man who arrived from Holyrood yesterday states that the report which went about that Gloucester bankers were jigging squid there is incorrect, and in justice to them we make this assertion. It was the men in the Lunenburg bankers who did so and they were acting within their rights. Most of the Gloucester vessels there are about to leave as though the squid are plentiful it will not jig and the men seriously think about giving up the voyage altogether. This is an unprecedented phase in the voyage. It has been noticed that the few squid caught were taken by the sides and tails, whereas they have always run to the hook and been caught by the tentacles heretofore. This leads many fishermen to believe that they are young fish not having reached maturity and are blind for the time being. Anyhow it is strange that they cannot be caught and this is the explanation many give for it."

Newfoundland Bait News.

All the bankers at Bay Bulls sailed north to Conception Bay and other places, Monday, August 10, in search of squid and if they can't be had will give up the voyage. Some vessels are over a month off the Banks.

Squid struck Carbonear on the night of August 10 and there are a number of bankers there in quest of bait. In Trinity Bay squid has been very plentiful the past week.

All around St. Mary's Bay squids are numerous, but will not jig, and the fishermen are at a loss as a result. Fish is very plentiful if the bait could be had, and many have become so discouraged that they have given up the voyage and gone coasting.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut Company at 8 cents per pound for white and 5 1-2 cents for gray. The long standing price of 6 and 4 cents is at last raised.

The fare of sch. Florence E. Stream sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 cents per pound for white and 5 1-2 cents for gray.

Rubber Band Around a Mackerel.

Sch. Jessie, Capt. Charles Wheeler, found among some mackerel which she took recently, one with a rubber band around its body. It had been there so long that the flesh had grown over it and it was only found when the cook was cleaning it for supper.

Mackerel off Louisburg.

Mackerel are schooling in large bodies about the Louisburg coast. Last week some of the fishermen made fair catches of the fish in nets. They are of a large size and well fattened.

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Sch. Emma and Helen, Sable Island Bank, 40,000 lbs. cod, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Bay of Fundy, 280 bbls. salt mackerel, 40 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florence E. Stream, Georges, 30,000 lbs. halibut.

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Gasoline launches, Ipswich Bay, 300 bbls. fresh porgies.

Sch. Emerald, via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Theresa and Alice, 15 swordfish.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 60,000 fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 14,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 2000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Mary Edith, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 10,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 200 haddock, 1300 cod 500 hake.

Sch. Caviare, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Mary G. Powers, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Quartette, 42 swordfish.

Sch. Esperanza, 88 swordfish.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 275 bbls. fresh mackerel, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 2000 haddock, 33,000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. William A. Morse, 7000 haddock 26,000 cod, 23,000 hake.

Sch. Frank Foster, 23 swordfish.

Sch. Evangeline, 25 swordfish.

Sch. Actor, 77 swordfish.

Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.50; mackerel, 15c.